



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA, et al. )  
Application No.: 09/111,731 )  
Filed: July 8, 1998 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, METHOD AND )  
RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR )

Examiner: J. Brier  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2003, the period for response to which having been extended to December 18, 2003, by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 12/18/03

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